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NORTH KOREA RESETTLES FIRE-FIELD WORKERS IN FACTORIES

TO PROTECT SOIL, HELP INDUSTRY -- T'usa Sinmun, 2 Dec 49

The cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has approved regulations governing the resettlement in industry of hwachon nongmin [settlers who clear "fire-fields," presumably areas burned off for temporary cultivation; hereinafter referred to as settlers]. These rules apply to settlers who cultivate land 15 degrees or more in inclination and by such cultivation cause flood, landslide, erosion and other natural damages to the land.

Encouraging these settlers to seek jobs in factories would protect fields and mountains and at the same time, would gain more workers for factories. Furthermore, it is expected that the economic and cultural standards of these farmers would be raised considerably by transferring them to industry.

COMPEL EMPLOYERS TO GIVE RESETTLERS SPECIAL PRIVILEGES -- T'usa Sinmun, 3 Dec 49

The following are regulations governing resettlement of fire-field farmers:

1. The government directs the Ministry of Labor and the respective provincial people's committees to recruit for factories as many settlers as possible, on a voluntary basis, and to guide them in their resettlement.
2. The factories shall bear all expenses of individual settlers, including travel, lodging, food expenditures, etc.
3. Upon resettlement, the settler shall be given the following special privileges by the factory which employs him:
 - a. Rent-free factory houses for 3 years.
 - b. A loan of 1,000 for a period of one year from the time of employment,
 - c. Working clothes, a pair of working shoes, and 2 months' fuel supply without charge.

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d. Two years exemption from tuition for settlers' children attending people's schools or junior high schools.

4. The settler and his family will receive a certificate of resettlement from the Ministry of Labor and the provincial people's committee concerned which will entitle him and his family to obtain priorities in train passage and shipment of their household effects and personal belongings to their destination. The Ministry of Transportation and other authorities concerned shall be responsible for rendering prompt assistance to all resettlers to obtain such priorities.

5. The fact that the fields have been sowed or planted at the time of resettlement, or any other similar reason, may not delay or prevent resettlement. The acreage abandoned by the settlers shall be recorded, and proper adjustment will be made in the cultivation quota registries at the office of the State Planning Board and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

6. The settler must acquire industrial skills as rapidly as possible upon employment, and for this purpose, he must receive industrial training on a regular schedule for 3 months or more, outside working hours.

7. The Ministry of Culture and Propaganda, and all provincial people's committees, shall launch extensive campaigns for resettlement.

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